

The United States Assay Office at Helena,
Office of the Assayer in Charge,

April 13th-1896.-



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Supt U.S.Mint.--

Philadelphia, Pa.--

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I would kindly ask you to have this work gone over again, with the view of ascertaining if my work was not correct;--as such differences have occurred several times in the last couple of months.--

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. B. Reader".

Assayer in Charge.--

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